Ann Arbor, Mich., June 25th, 1900.

President Ezra Brainerd, L.L.D.,

Middlebury, Vt.

My dear President Brainerd,

It was with great reluctance that I decided to abandon my original purpose of attending the Centennial Exercises at Middlebury, and I should be more than willing to reconsider my decision. Unfortunately, however, an appointment for the morning of July 5th, which cannot well be either canceled or deferred, seems to constitute an insuperable obstacle .

With all my heart I respond to the very gracious invitation of my Alma Mater, and would most gladly express my appreciation in person, were it practicable . I am grateful beyond expression for her kind thought of me, and it is with profound regret that I bring myself to forego the honor she had thought to show me .

With kindest personal remembrances and the hope that your anticipations for the Centennial Celebration may be more than realized,

I am

Yours most sincerely,

J. B. Bradshaw

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